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TOPIC Soviet Troop Trains

EVALUATION see below PLACE OBTAINED 25X1C

DATE OF CONTENT

DATE OBTAINED DATE PREPARED 20 February 1953

REFERENCES

PAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)

REMARKS Paragraphs 3 and 4 see previously reported

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- The following troop trains were listed in railroad records on 2 and 4 February 1953:

| Date in February | Composition of Troop Trains | From | To |
|------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| 2 | 3 converted boxcars and 11 flatcars | Wittenberg | Forst Zinna |
| 2 | 30 cars | undetermined | Eberswalde |
| 2 | 6 cars | undetermined | Bad Freienwalde |
| 2 | 26 cars | undetermined | Bernau |
| 4 | 9 boxcars and 30 flatcars | Brandenburg | Osterburg |

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- Railroad records indicated that a troop train of 9 converted boxcars, 3 boxcars and 20 flatcars went from Dallgow-Doebritz to Forst Zinna on 1 February.⁴
- Source learned from railroad records that, by order of the Soviet transportation control headquarters, 300 converted boxcars and ramps were to be made available by the Erfurt railroad district headquarters on 10 February.⁵

- Source learned that troops will be loaded in the Rossleben area, at Artern, Donndorf, Oldisleben, Frankenhausen and Griefstedt on and after 15 February.⁵

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- Comment. The troop train from Wittenberg to Forst Zinna probably carried tanks of the 6th Gds Tank Div to the Werder-Markendorf troop training grounds for field exercises.

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- Comment. On 18 January 1953, 18 tanks were unloaded at the Templin railroad station. It could not be identified to which division of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army these tanks belonged. See . The observations reported in paragraph 1 of the present report indicate that the tanks belonged to the 6th Gds Mecz Div and returned from Templin to their home stations on 2 February 1953.

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25X1A [] Comment. According to another source, empty railroad cars were to be made available at Brandenburg on 3 February 1953. See [] 25X1A [] . The cars mentioned in the reference report were probably used for the assembling of the troop train with shipment-record No 61509 dispatched to Osterburg, reported in paragraph 1 of the present report. The unit carried by this train has not been identified.

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4. [] Comment. The troop train from Daligow-Doeberitz to Forst Zinna carried a component of the 1st Mecz Div equipped with 57-mm AT guns. See []

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5. [] Comment. The localities mentioned are situated around the Lossa troop training grounds. It is believed possible that a winter field exercise by a unit of the Eighth Gds Army held in the Lossa area will be terminated and the unit return to its home station by rail.

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